4. Dr. P.K. Banerjee, Consultant in Dental

5. Dr. S.K. Suri, Sr. Staff Surgeon (Dental)

Safdarjung Hospital

1. Dr. (Major) Chintamani, Surgeon, Department of Surgery.

2. Dr. Chandrakant, Medical Officer, Department of Forensic Medicine.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

HIV/AIDS Cases

2227. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of HIV/AIDS cases that have come to notice of Government during the last three years, till date;

(b) whether HIV infected persons are increasing;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have seen the latest report of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and WHO;

(e) if so, whether Government have examined the report; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to implement suggestions made in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) the estimated number of HIV infections in the country are 3.5 million in mid 1998. As the report number of HIV infections are under reported estimated figures of HIV infections are used as working figures.

AIDS cases—	
1998—	1548
1999—	3273
2000— (till June 30th)	2423

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. HIV infected persons remain asymptomatic for 5-7 years during which they spread infection. Besides, there is no cure for HIV/AIDS, which can eliminate the infection from the body of infected persons.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Government of India has launched a comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme, incorporating the suggestions made in the UNAIDS/WHO report, with the following key components.

Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counselling, condom promotion, treatment of sexually transmitted infections etc.

Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness campaign, provision of voluntary testing and counselling, safe blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.

Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community based care to people living with HIV/AIDS. Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.

Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sector.

Functioning of National Aids Control Organisation

2228. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National AIDS Control Organisation has provided any financial aid to several agencies for AIDS control and awareness programme during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the World Bank has shown unhappiness over the

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